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1920-1922

January 23, 1920

Clarence S. Bement, Esq.
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bement:

This is just a brief note to thank you again for your hospitality yesterday, and for your courtesy in permitting me to take casts of your Metapontum pieces.

I had a very interesting talk with Dr. Comparette, who showed me the casts which he is making. I am planning to send him some of the wax that we use, which I think may eliminate some of his difficulties---at least I hope it will.

A note of Dr. Robinson of Newport, tells me that he secured only three of the pieces for which he sent bids to the Collignon sale. I am sure he will be envious of your good fortune when he learns of it, and Mr. Newell will too.

With cordial greetings to yourself and to Mrs. Moore, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

May 21st, 1920

Clarence S. Bement, Esq.
3907 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bement:

When I last had the pleasure of seeing your coins, you showed me an interesting Metapontum stater which I think you told me you had just purchased from Spink. The Obverse shows the head of Zeus Ammon with the ram's horn, and you will recall that the 'M' of the Reverse is omitted. Would you be willing to have me write to Messrs. Spink, if it were from them you secured the piece, to ask if they are able to state the place where the coin was found? It is a most interesting specimen, and if I have the opportunity of being in Philadelphia within the next two or three weeks, I should like to come and tell you more about it.

I saw Dr. Robinson's Collection at Newport a few weeks ago, and he spoke of the interesting time he had with you when he was last in Philadelphia.

A cablegram from Mr. Newell states that we may expect him shortly after the first of June. Did Spink send you any of the Six Herman Weber Metapontum pieces? Two were published in the Numismatic Chronicle several years ago, but there must be others and I should like to know about them if it is possible.

I trust that you are in good health, and I wish that you would say that I asked to be remembered to your daughter, Mrs. Moore.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/VHM

May 28th, 1920

Clarence S. Bement, Esq.
3907 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bement:

Thank you for your very kind letter of the 26th.

I am glad to know that you secured some of the Weber Metapontum pieces. You were right in thinking that Dr. Compagette sent me an impression of one of them; it is a very interesting piece. The second one to which you refer with the mysterious insect on the Reverse is, I believe, a Praying Mantis. If you know Fabre's delightful essay on this creature, you will recall that it is the king of the cannibals of the insect world. The species has the habit of feeding one upon the other, and if you have not read about it, I think you would find it of delightful interest.

I will gladly convey your greetings to Mr. Newell, and I am sure that if he comes to Philadelphia during the summer, like myself, he will look forward to seeing the additions which your Collection has had since he last was there.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPH/VMS

August 3rd, 1920

C. S. Bement, Esq.
3907 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bement:

We recently received the enclosed plate of coins belonging to the Pozzi Collection, to be sold in Geneva soon. In all probability Dr. Hirsch, who is acting as expert we understand, will have sent you a copy, but at Mr. Newell's suggestion I am sending you this plate to safeguard his not having done so. As you will see, these are wonderful specimens.

I trust you are in good health, and with cordial greetings to your daughter and yourself, I beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,

SPH/E
Enc.

Secretary

CLARENCE S. BEMENT
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CABLE ADDRESS: BEACMONT, PHILADELPHIA

August 6, 1920.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, bet. 155th & 156th Aves.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Noe:-

I duly received your favor enclosing a plate of coins from the Pozzi Collection, and thank you for the opportunity of seeing it. The specimens are certainly very fine, though I believe I have them all. Sometime ago I wrote Spink & Sons that I should be unable to continue collecting coins, and they replied regretfully that they would send no more, but they felt sure that I ~~should~~ like to see some of the remaining specimens from this great collection when they were liberated by the British Museum. It is unfortunate that I should be obliged to drop the subject when so many fine things are in the market or will soon be ^{of red} ~~out of~~ ~~the~~. When the weather cools off a little I shall be glad to show to both Mr. Newell and yourself my latest acquisitions, some of which I am sure ^{would} ~~will~~ interest you.

Yours very truly,

4 cables stenographer ! To Mr. Noe S. Bement.

August 7th, 1920 .

Clarence S. Bement, Esq.
3907 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bement:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of August 6th and I thank you for your invitation to examine some of the latest additions to your collection. I shall transmit this invitation to Mr. Newell and I do not doubt that he, like myself, will look forward to profiting by your kind suggestion a little later in the season, when the weather has cooled a bit.

Very respectfully yours,

SPH/S

Secretary

August 9th, 1922.

Mr. Clarence S. Bement,
3907 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bement:-

The sad death of Dr. Comparette reminded me that we have here a sum of money due you for the sale of the catalogues of your collection. I enclose a statement showing the number that have been sold, and the number still on hand. As we have not received any orders for the book for some time, will you let me know if you desire to have this remainder sent to you. I am directing our bank to send you a cheque for the amount indicated.

May I express the hope that this will find you in better health than was the case when we last had word of you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Descriptive Catalogue of Greek Coins selected
 from the Collection of Mr. Clarence S. Bement

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Total number received	-	-	50
Total number sold	-	-	16
			
On hand	-	-	34

16 copies @ \$3.75 each	-	-	\$60.00
Postage paid	-	-	.98
			
Amount to be remitted to Mr. Bement			\$60.98

34 copies
unsold

601 - 13th Street
Ocean City
New Jersey

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
Secretary
American Numismatic Society
New York

Dear Sir:- On behalf of
my father-in-law Mr.
Clarence S. Bement I
beg to thank you for
your letter of 9th inst.

Enclosing statement of the
catalogues of Greek coins
and also ~~for~~ the check for
\$59⁰⁰ in payment for those
which you sold.

So far as the balance of
unsold copies is concerned
Mr. Bement would like you
to make whatever disposition
of them you think best -
presenting them, if you so
wish, to individuals or
libraries who might be
interested in them.

I am sorry to say that

He is no better and we
doubt whether his condition
ever will improve

Yours Truly

Clark Moore

August 19th
1922

~~Letter~~
~~Bement~~

August 24th, 1922

J. Clark Moore, Jr., Esq.
601 13th Street
Ocean City, N.J.

New Jersey

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your letter of August 19th, and please thank Mr. Bement for the catalogues of which he asks me to make a disposal.

I am sorry that you are unable to write of his having improved in health. I have a very lively remembrance of his courtesy in showing me his coins. Perhaps he would be interested to know that I am contemplating spending the winter in Athens at the American School of Classical Studies, with special work under M. Svoronos of the Numismatic Museum in prospect.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPH/E